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In Re Application of:

WEINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/823,980

Art Unit: 1644

Filing Date: March 25, 1997

Examiner: R. Schwadron

Title:

CONSERVED MOTIF OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS E2/NS1

REGION

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of June 24, 2002.

___ Petition for Extension of Time enclosed.

X No additional fee is required.

Also enclosed: Version with Markings to Show Changes Mac Currently Pending Claims; Sequence Listing (paper and disk); Statement to Support Filing ...; postcard

No. of Claims After Amendment		Most Claims Extra Previously Paid Claims				Additional Fee		
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B. Ind. Claims	_		<u> </u>		х	\$84	=	
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/23/02

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 24, 2002 (Paper #33), with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Because this response is submitted within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Office Action (that is by August 24, 2002), expedited procedure after final is requested.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.